

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 17-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant submits the pending claims define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toy et al. (US 6,192,115; hereinafter “Toy”) in view of Koster (US 6,259,914) further in view of Kung et al. (US 6,373,817; hereinafter “Kung”). Claim 9, 10, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toy in view of Koster further in view of Kung and further view of Dunn. Claim 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toy in view of Koster further in view of Kung and in further view of Asano et al. (hereinafter “Asano”). Claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koster in view of Frey et al. (US 6,535,596; hereinafter “Frey”) further in view of Kung.

Pursuant to the above-noted interview between the Examiner and the Applicant’s undersigned representative conducted on July 26, 2007, independent claims 1 and 17 are herein amended as suggested by the Examiner. Since the cited art does not disclose or suggest the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 17, Applicant submits claims 1 and 17 and their respective dependent claims should be deemed patentable.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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